

Monumental Church, (12th and Broad Sts.),
Richmond, Va.



No. 1-D. Monumental Church, (Twelfth and Broad Sts.,)
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On the night of Dec. 26, 1811, and during the performance therein of a pantomime called "The Bleeding Nun," the Richmond Theatre was totally destroyed by fire, and seventy-two persons, including the Governor of Virginia (Geo. W. Smith) perished in the flames. The impossibility of removing and properly identifying the ashes and bones of the victims of this appalling disaster resulted in their interment on the fatal spot where the theatre formerly stood, and the erection thereof of this Church in commemoration of the melancholy event.

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